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DIARY NOTES

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1. With regard to the acquisition of real estate, [REDACTED] said that they had talked with Mrs. Fallin, and he anticipated that permission to inspect and appraise their property will be granted shortly. They also met with Mr. and Mrs. ^{EVERCOMB} Riverhorn, tenants of the Grant-Holladay tract. When the Riverhorns sold the property they agreed to vacate in October 1963 so they have no real interest either way. I also talked to Mr. Abersfeller, the Regional Director of GSA. GSA was somewhat upset about the publicity over the weekend, which I readily understand. I assured him that the press had taken "editorial liberties" with what Mr. Houston had said. (I think they are pacified on this matter at the moment.) Mr. Abersfeller wanted to know whether we would be satisfied with an option to buy the Sterrett and Fallin properties on a first refusal basis. I told him that I thought we would accept this but requested that no final decision with regard to this matter be made without consultation here.

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2. [REDACTED] requested that Emmett Echols prepare some brief notes on the significant developments in the personnel business which General Carter might use on his Far East trip. I have asked Emmett to do this; in fact, I have asked all DD/S Office Heads to supply me with this kind of information prior to the close of business Thursday, 21 February.

3. Emmett Echols was in with a proposed reply for [REDACTED] to make with the Bureau of the Budget concerning a draft for the President to sign having to do with the hiring of older people. While the proposed policy statement is somewhat counter to our early retirement policy, I don't see how we can oppose it outright and think that Emmett's letter would have enough loopholes for us to live with.

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4. I met with John Tietjen to discuss the A&E impasse with TSD. As a result of our discussion I decided that I would talk with Dick Helms and/or [REDACTED] along the following lines:

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a. First, it is my understanding that there is no disagreement as to the principles which should apply to the "application of special influence techniques." However, some action is necessary to implement the details of this agreement. I assume that DD/P has the initiative and would like to know just what their thinking is as to how we shall proceed.

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b. Second, it seems to me that the TSD frontal assault to take over a part of the A&E Staff and functions has caused us to lose sight of what we are actually trying to do. When the A&E Staff was transferred to the Medical Staff, it was transferred with the understanding that there would be no change in their functions and that, after Dr. Tietjen had had time to get acquainted with the staff, its functions and responsibilities, he would conduct a study to define the Agency's requirements for psychological services and come up with recommendations as to how they could best be met. This study should now proceed with or without TSD participation. I would propose, however, that TSD participate fully in this study. One of our problems is that we don't really know what TSD requirements are for psychological services.

c. Third, I should like to clarify with DD/P and TSD just what the staff relationship of Dr. Tietjen is or should be. Throughout the years Dr. Tietjen has been invited in and left out as TSD chose. Generally speaking, however, he has been kept on the periphery to such an extent that he could not actually accept responsibility for what TSD is doing. At the same time, they have been in a position to say on many occasions at least that he has been consulted. This is an unsatisfactory situation, and I would like to see if it would be acceptable to TSD that he be a full-fledged advisor in their entire research program.

5. Larry Houston reported that [REDACTED] acting for the DD/P, nonconcurrent in any recommendation to reveal to the [REDACTED] the true ownership of CAT.

6. I had lunch with [REDACTED] for Security of the Air Force, he was willing of the true ownership of CAT. I therefore discussed with him the possibility of working for George Doole, and he was most interested. I made a tentative date for him to have lunch with George on Thursday, 21 February.

7. Jack Earman was in to discuss with me an incident in which Mrs. [REDACTED] found three thugs in her apartment when she went home from work a few nights ago. Jack had two ideas in mind:

a. The possibility of the Director addressing a letter to the District Committee urging that appropriate steps be taken to curtail the rising crime rate in the District. While I can see no objection to this, I suggested that he consult with Stan Grogan as to public reaction to our writing such a letter. If in the final analysis he wants to do this, I would be very glad to have a letter prepared.

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b. Second, insofar as this same case is concerned, Mrs. [REDACTED] went to the police station alone to identify one or more of the intruders; and Jack felt that someone from the Office of Security should have accompanied her. While I think this is correct, I also speculated that perhaps her husband, who is also an Agency employee, might have accompanied her. (In any case, I want to follow up on this with Colonel Edwards.)

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8. I received an Eyes Only, handwritten letter from [REDACTED] saying that he could not take the polygraph. I delivered the letter to Shef Edwards and asked him to brief me further on the [REDACTED] case.

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